| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | Himachal Pradesh | 2597 | 16916 | 1248 | 2134 | 250 |
| 7 | Jammu & Kashmir | 1461 | 6503 | 631 | 844 | 80 |
| 8 | Karnataka | 8335 | 26826 | 6350 | 6350 | 1500 |
| 9 | Kerala | 982 | 1530 | 982 | 1470 | Nil |
| 10 | Madhya Pradesh | 23523 | 71352 | 12512 | 12512 | 6000 |
| 11 | Maharashtra | 24937 | 36187 | 11155 | 11155 | 6000 |
| 12 | North-East | 4084 | 15192 | 1212 | 1414 | 600 |
| 13 | Orissa | 4411 | 46992 | 4010 | 4652 | 800 |
| 14 | Punjab | 11748 | 12188 | 6470 | 6470 | 3000 |
| 15 | Rajasthan | 7562 | 33305 | 6154 | 6346 | 1800 |
| 16 | Tamilnadu | 13288 | 15735 | 10422 | 10423 | 3000 |
| 17 | Uttar Pradesh | 73741 | 112508 | 14845 | 16420 | 10000 |
| 18 | West Bengal | 3486 | 38679 | 2295 | 2781 | 800 |
| 19 | Delhi MTNL | 101 | 243 | 191 | 191 | Nil |
| | Total: | 233060 | 576490 | 110591 | 118670 | 46820 |

**Inoperative Telephones in Bombay**

791. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of inoperative telephones in 819 exchange of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited Mumbai during November and December, 1993 and what was the largest duration of telephones remaining dead; and

(b) whether Government are aware that a large number of telephones in Bhayander area of M.T.N.L., Mumbai were made inoperative since the subscribers had not paid Diwali bakshis to M.T.N.L. Staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) November, 93....670 December, 93 ....605.

However, these telephones were not inoperative throughout the month but for an average fault duration of about 33 hrs. The largest duration of a telephone being faulty was 20 days due to a cable fault.

(b) No such complaint has been lodged with MTNL.

**Inadequate post offices in major cities**

792. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of post offices required as per public demand and population are quite inadequate particularly in major cities;

(b) whether Government would consider taking reserved plots earmarked for this public utility from municipalities, State Governments and develop them on a semi-commercial basis; and

(c) whether Government are likely to approve private parties proposals for such type of ventures on reserved plots for public utility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Post Offices are opened taking into consideration the departmental norms in respect of distance, population and income, Public demand is also taken into considerations in this respect provided the proposal satisfies these norms.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal at present.

**Merger of M.T.N.L. and D.O.T.**

793. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to wind up MTNL